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NOTIFICATION OF ELECTION

(PCT Rule 61.2)

From the INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

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in its capacity as elected Office

Date of mailing (day/month/year) 13 February 2001 (13.02.01)	
International application No. PCT/US00/17007	Applicant's or agent's file reference 7630/JB
International filing date (day/month/year) 20 June 2000 (20.06.00)	Priority date (day/month/year) 21 June 1999 (21.06.99)
Applicant GARTSTEIN, Vladimir et al	

1. The designated Office is hereby notified of its election made:

☒ in the demand filed with the International Preliminary Examining Authority on:
 27 December 2000 (27.12.00)

☐ in a notice effecting later election filed with the International Bureau on:

2. The election ☒ was
☐ was not

made before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date or, where Rule 32 applies, within the time limit under Rule 32.2(b).

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference P23920-PO	FOR FURTHER ACTION See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)	
International application No. PCT/JP00/07036	International filing date (day/month/year) 10 October 2000 (10.10.00)	Priority date (day/month/year) 14 October 1999 (14.10.99)
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC H01M 8/02, 8/10		
Applicant MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD.		

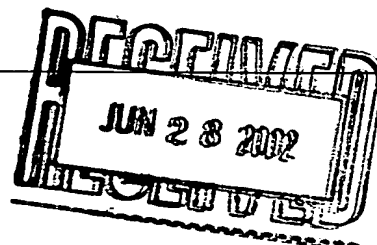
- This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
- This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.

☒ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of 3 sheets.

- This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application



Date of submission of the demand 19 February 2001 (19.02.01)	Date of completion of this report 13 November 2001 (13.11.2001)
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Facsimile No.	Telephone No.

INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

PCT/JP00/07036

I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

- ☐ the international application as originally filed
- ☒ the description:
pages 1-3.5-12 as originally filed
pages 4 filed with the demand
pages _____, filed with the letter of _____
- ☒ the claims:
pages 1.2.4.5 as originally filed
pages _____, as amended (together with any statement under Article 19
pages 3 filed with the demand
pages _____, filed with the letter of _____
- ☒ the drawings:
pages 2/4-4/4 as originally filed
pages 1/4 filed with the demand
pages _____, filed with the letter of 02 May 2002 (02.05.2002)
- ☐ the sequence listing part of the description:
pages _____ as originally filed
pages _____, filed with the demand
pages _____, filed with the letter of _____

2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language _____ which is:

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- ☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- ☐ the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or §5.3).

3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/fig _____

5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box. (Rule 70.2(c)).**

* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rule 70.16 and 70.17).

** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-5	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	2-5	YES
	Claims	1	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-5	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

Document 1: JP, 11-219713, A (Nisshin Steel Co., Ltd.),
10 August 1999 (10.08.99); claims and
paragraphs [0001] to [0023]

Document 2: JP, 11-273693, A (Nisshin Steel Co., Ltd.), 8
October 1999 (08.10.99); claims and
paragraphs [0001] to [0026]

Document 3: JP, 10-270062, A (Sanyo Electric Co., Ltd.),
9 October 1998 (09.10.98); claims and
paragraphs [0001] to [0014]

The invention set forth in Claim 1 does not involve an inventive step in the light of Documents 1-3, cited in the international search report. A person skilled in the art could easily use an electrically conductive coating film including electrically conductive particles and glass disclosed in Document 3 as the acid-resistant electrically conductive coating film in a polymer electrolyte type fuel cell disclosed in Document 1 or 2 wherein the surface of the conductive separator plate having the gas flow path is formed of sheet metal with an acid-resistant coating film formed thereon.

None of the documents cited in the international search report takes away the novelty or inventive step of

the inventions set forth in Claims 2-5. None of the documents cited in the international search report discloses or suggests a polymer electrolyte type fuel cell in which the surface of the conductive separator plate having the gas flow path is formed of sheet metal with an electrically conductive coating film including electrically conductive particles and glass formed thereon, wherein the glass forming the electrically conductive coating film is low-alkali glass.

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT



(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 7630/JB	FOR FURTHER ACTION See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)	
International application No. PCT/US00/17007	International filing date (day/month/year) 20/06/2000	Priority date (day/month/year) 21/06/1999
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC H01M10/48		
Applicant THE PROCTER & GAMBLE COMPANY et al.		

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.
- ☒ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).
- These annexes consist of a total of 2 sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
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- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☒ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

Date of submission of the demand 27/12/2000	Date of completion of this report 04.10.2001
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No. PCT/US00/17007

I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **elements** of the international application (*Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17)*):

Description, pages:

1-10 as originally filed

Claims, No.:

1-10 as received on 16/08/2001 with letter of 13/08/2001

Drawings, sheets:

1/5-5/5 as originally filed

2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language: , which is:

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of the international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- ☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages:
- ☐ the claims, Nos.:

INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No. PCT/US00/17007

☐ the drawings, sheets:

5. ☒ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)):

(Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.)

see separate sheet

6. Additional observations, if necessary:

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes:	Claims	3-10
	No:	Claims	1-2
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims	
	No:	Claims	3-10
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims	1-10
	No:	Claims	

2. Citations and explanations
see separate sheet

VII. Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:
see separate sheet

With respect to Section I.

1. The applicant has amended claim 1 by introducing the expression: "said housing is externally connected to said electrochemical cell".
The applicant alleges that support for this amendment is found on page 6, lines 6-7 and figs 4-5 of the specification as originally filed.
Since page 6, lines 6-7 state only: "...an assembled battery. The retaining ring 13 is preferably made of an insulating or dielectric material." and since figs. 4 and 5 do not show how the "housing is externally connected to said electrochemical cell", the passages of the specification submitted by the applicant cannot be regarded as supporting the amendment introduced in the amended claim filed with letter of 13.08.01.
Also the statement on page 7, lines 5-6, namely "...the assembled housing 10 containing the electronic circuitry 16 is physically and electrically connected to an electrochemical cell 22." cannot support the claimed amendment because it does not specify whether the housing is connected externally.
Thus, the expression: "said housing is externally connected to said electrochemical cell" has to be regarded as introducing subject-matter which extends beyond the content of the application as filed; see Art 34(2b) PCT.
For the above reason the examination has to be carried out as if the claimed amendment had not been made.

With respect to Section V.

1. From Patent Abstracts of Japan , vol. 1995, No11, 26.12.95 & JP-A-07201358, 04.08.95, hereinafter referred to as D1, there is known (see abstract and figure) a battery comprising:
 - (a) a container 3 having a positive terminal and a negative terminal;
 - (b) an electrochemical cell 1 disposed within said container 3, said cell having a positive electrode, a negative electrode, and a cell voltage measured across said positive and said negative electrodes of said cell; and
 - (c) a housing 41 containing electronic circuitry 31 associated with said container, said electronic circuitry electrically connected between said electrodes of said cell and said terminals of said container to create an output voltage measured across said positive and said negative terminals of said container.

**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY
EXAMINATION REPORT - SEPARATE SHEET**

International application No. PCT/US00/17007

Thus, the subject-matter of claim 1 is not novel.

2. The subject-matter of the characterizing feature of claim 2 is also known from D1; see figure.
3. Dependent claims 3-10 do not appear to contain any additional features which involve an inventive step when combined with the subject matter of any claim to which it refers.

With respect to Section VII.

1. The features of the claim/s are not provided with reference signs placed in parentheses (Rule 6.2(b) PCT).
2. Contrary to the requirements of Rule 5.1(a)(ii) PCT, the relevant background art disclosed in the document D1 is not mentioned in the description, nor is this document identified therein.

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A battery comprising:
 - (a) a container having a positive terminal and a negative terminal;
 - (b) an electrochemical cell disposed within said container, said cell having a positive electrode, a negative electrode, and a cell voltage measured across said positive and said negative electrodes of said cell; and characterized in that
 - (c) a housing containing electronic circuitry associated with said container, said electronic circuitry electrically connected between said electrodes of said cell and said terminals of said container to create an output voltage measured across said positive and said negative terminals of said container.
2. The battery of Claim 1, wherein said electronic circuitry is substantially physically isolated from said electrochemical cell.
3. The battery of Claim 1, wherein said housing includes a bezel, a circuit board and a retaining ring, said bezel and said retaining ring form a compartment, said circuit board being located within said compartment.
4. The battery of Claim 3, wherein said compartment is sealed.
5. The battery of Claim 3, wherein at least a portion of said housing is translucent or translucent, and said circuit board includes a visual indicator.
6. The battery of Claim 3, wherein said bezel and said retaining ring include a notch.
7. The battery of Claim 3, wherein said circuit board includes a positive input contact, a negative input contact and an output contact electrically connected to said positive terminal or said negative terminal of said container.

8. The battery of Claim 3, further comprising a second output contact, said second output contact being electrically connected to one or more of the group of: an indicator external to said compartment and an external device.
9. The battery of Claim 3, wherein said bezel includes a button to activate an indicator.
10. The battery of Claim 3, wherein said circuit board includes a controller.

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WRITTEN OPINION

(PCT Rule 66)

Date of mailing
(day/month/year) 15.06.2001

Applicant's or agent's file reference
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REPLY DUE within 2 month(s)
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International application No.
PCT/US00/17007

International filing date (day/month/year)
20/06/2000

Priority date (day/month/year)
21/06/1999

International Patent Classification (IPC) or both national classification and IPC
H01M10/48

Applicant
THE PROCTER & GAMBLE COMPANY et al.


1. This written opinion is the **first** drawn up by this International Preliminary Examining Authority.
2. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:
 - I ☒ Basis of the opinion
 - II ☐ Priority
 - III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
 - IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
 - V ☒ Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
 - VI ☐ Certain document cited
 - VII ☒ Certain defects in the international application
 - VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application
3. The applicant is hereby **invited to reply** to this opinion.

When? See the time limit indicated above. The applicant may, before the expiration of that time limit, request this Authority to grant an extension, see Rule 66.2(d).

How? By submitting a written reply, accompanied, where appropriate, by amendments, according to Rule 66.3. For the form and the language of the amendments, see Rules 66.8 and 66.9.

Also: For an additional opportunity to submit amendments, see Rule 66.4.
For the examiner's obligation to consider amendments and/or arguments, see Rule 66.4 bis.
For an informal communication with the examiner, see Rule 66.6.

If no reply is filed, the international preliminary examination report will be established on the basis of this opinion.
4. The final date by which the international preliminary examination report must be established according to Rule 69.2 is: 21/10/2001.

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WRITTEN OPINION

International application No. PCT/US00/17007

I. Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the **elements** of the international application (Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this opinion as "originally filed"):

Description, pages:

1-10 as originally filed

Claims, No.:

1-10 as originally filed

Drawings, sheets:

1/5-5/5 as originally filed

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- ☐ the claims, Nos.:

WRITTEN OPINION

International application No. PCT/US00/17007

☐ the drawings, sheets:

5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)):

(Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.)

6. Additional observations, if necessary:

V. Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-2 no
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	3-10 no
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-10 yes

2. Citations and explanations
see separate sheet

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With respect to Section V.

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© a housing 41 containing electronic circuitry 31 associated with said container, said electronic circuitry electrically connected between said electrodes of said cell and said terminals of said container to create an output voltage measured across said positive and said negative terminals of said container.
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1. The features of the claim/s are not provided with reference signs placed in parentheses (Rule 6.2(b) PCT).
2. Contrary to the requirements of Rule 5.1(a)(ii) PCT, the relevant background art disclosed in the document D1 is not mentioned in the description, nor is this document identified therein.

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NOTIFICATION CONCERNING
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(PCT Administrative Instructions, Section 411)

From the INTERNATIONAL BUREAU


To:

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Date of mailing (day/month/year) 10 August 2000 (10.08.00)	
Applicant's or agent's file reference 7630/JB	IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION
International application No. PCT/US00/17007	International filing date (day/month/year) 20 June 2000 (20.06.00)
International publication date (day/month/year) Not yet published	Priority date (day/month/year) 21 June 1999 (21.06.99)
Applicant THE PROCTER & GAMBLE COMPANY et al	

1. The applicant is hereby notified of the date of receipt (except where the letters "NR" appear in the right-hand column) by the International Bureau of the priority document(s) relating to the earlier application(s) indicated below. Unless otherwise indicated by an asterisk appearing next to a date of receipt, or by the letters "NR", in the right-hand column, the priority document concerned was submitted or transmitted to the International Bureau in compliance with Rule 17.1(a) or (b).
2. This updates and replaces any previously issued notification concerning submission or transmittal of priority documents.
3. An asterisk(*) appearing next to a date of receipt, in the right-hand column, denotes a priority document submitted or transmitted to the International Bureau but not in compliance with Rule 17.1(a) or (b). In such a case, **the attention of the applicant is directed** to Rule 17.1(c) which provides that no designated Office may disregard the priority claim concerned before giving the applicant an opportunity, upon entry into the national phase, to furnish the priority document within a time limit which is reasonable under the circumstances.
4. The letters "NR" appearing in the right-hand column denote a priority document which was not received by the International Bureau or which the applicant did not request the receiving Office to prepare and transmit to the International Bureau, as provided by Rule 17.1(a) or (b), respectively. In such a case, **the attention of the applicant is directed** to Rule 17.1(c) which provides that no designated Office may disregard the priority claim concerned before giving the applicant an opportunity, upon entry into the national phase, to furnish the priority document within a time limit which is reasonable under the circumstances.

<u>Priority date</u>	<u>Priority application No.</u>	<u>Country or regional Office or PCT receiving Office</u>	<u>Date of receipt of priority document</u>
21 June 1999 (21.06.99)	60/140.092	US	17 July 2000 (17.07.00)

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The demand must be filed directly with the competent International Preliminary Examining Authority or, if two or more Authorities are competent, with the one chosen by the applicant. The full name or two-letter code of that Authority may be indicated by the applicant on the line below:

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CHAPTER II

DEMAND

under Article 31 of the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

The undersigned requests that the international application specified below be the subject of international preliminary examination according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty and hereby elects all eligible States (except where otherwise indicated).

For International Preliminary Examining Authority use only		
Identification of IPEA		Date of receipt of DEMAND
Box No. 1 IDENTIFICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION		Applicant's or agent's file reference 7630/JB
International application No. PCT/US00/17007	International filing date 20 June 2000 (20.06.00)	(Earliest) Priority date 21 June 1999 (21.06.99)
Title of Invention Battery Having A Housing for Electronic Circuitry		
Box No. II APPLICANT(S)		
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Further applicants and/or (further) inventors are indicated on a continuation sheet.		

Continuation of Box No. II APPLICANT(S)

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The following person is ☒ agent ☐ common representative

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☐ is hereby appointed and any earlier appointment of (an) agent(s)/common representative is hereby revoked.

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Statement concerning amendments:*

1. The applicant wishes the international preliminary examination to start on the basis of:

☒ the international application as originally filed

the description ☒ as originally filed

☐ as amended under Article 34

the claims ☒ as originally filed

☐ as amended under Article 19 (together with any accompanying statement)

☐ as amended under Article 34

the drawings ☒ as originally filed (if the original application included drawings)

☐ as amended under Article 34

2. ☐ The applicant wishes any amendment to the claims under Article 19 be considered as reversed.

3. ☐ The applicant wishes the start of the international preliminary examination to be postponed until the expiration of 20 months from the priority date unless the International Preliminary Examining Authority receives a copy of any amendments made under Article 19 or a notice from the applicant that he does not wish to make such amendments (Rule 69.1(d)).
(This check-box may be marked only where the time limit under Article 19 has not yet expired.)

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Language for the purposes of international preliminary examination: English

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Box No. V ELECTION OF STATES

The applicant hereby elects all eligible States (that is, all States which have been designated and which are bound by Chapter II of the PCT) excluding the following States which the applicant wishes not to elect:

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| 2. amendments under Article 34 | : | sheets |
| 3. copy (or, where required, translation) of statement under Article 19 | : | sheets |
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Battery Having a Housing for Electronic Circuitry

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Guffey, Timothy B.	41,048

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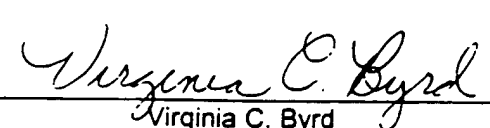


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On this 10th day of April 2000, personally appeared before me Jacobus C. Rasser, to me personally known, who executed the foregoing instrument in my presence and acknowledged the execution thereof as his free and voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein set forth and expressed.





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Signed at Cincinnati, OH
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Signed at Miami Valley Laboratories, Cincinnati, Ohio

on this 29 day of March 19 99

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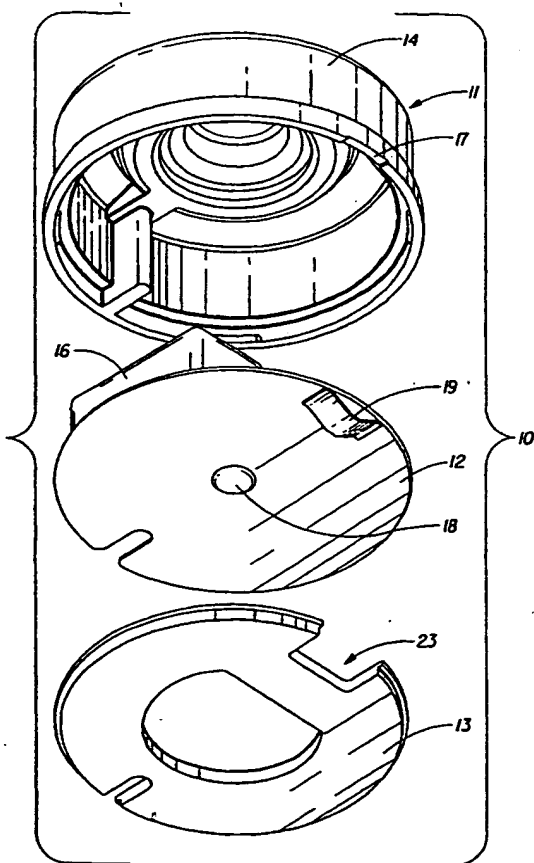
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(54) Title: **BATTERY HAVING A HOUSING FOR ELECTRONIC CIRCUITRY**



(57) Abstract: The present invention provides a battery having a housing for electronic circuitry. The battery includes a container having a positive terminal and a negative terminal, an electrochemical cell and a housing containing electronic circuitry affixed to the container. The electronic circuitry is electrically connected to the electrochemical cell and terminals to create an output voltage measured across the terminals of the container.

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BATTERY HAVING A HOUSING FOR ELECTRONIC CIRCUITRY**FIELD OF THE INVENTION**

The present invention relates to batteries and more particularly to batteries having
5 a housing for electronic circuitry, such as a built-in controller or an indicator for battery
life.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Consumers use batteries in portable electronic devices such as radios, compact
10 disc players, cameras, cellular phones, electronic games, toys, pagers, and computer
devices, etc. As electronic devices become faster and more complex, the devices have
required more current than before. Consequently, the demands on batteries to provide
greater utilization of stored energy are even greater. Co-pending applications referred to
above disclose devices including a built-in controller capable of providing functions such
15 as greater utilization of stored energy to extend the service run time of the battery, control
of an electrochemical cell charge cycle by directly monitoring the electrochemical
properties of that particular cell, providing a safety disconnect in the event of overheating,
inverse polarity, short-circuit, over-pressure, over-charge, over-discharge or excessive
hydrogen generation, and an indicator of remaining battery life to inform consumers of
20 available stored energy. Developments such as these as well as others require electronic
circuitry to be embedded inside a battery or somehow affixed to a battery.

However, there are many problems associated with having electronic circuitry
embedded inside the battery. For example, if the electronic circuitry or electronic
connections embedded in the battery are in contact with or are within the same container
25 as the electrochemical components of the cell, these components may come into contact
with the electronic circuitry or create a corrosive atmosphere that may cause damage to
the electronic circuitry or electronic connections. Another problem is the electronic
circuitry or electronic connections may cause electromagnetic interference (EMI) which
may adversely affect the electronic devices within which the batteries are located. The
30 electronic devices may also cause EMI which may adversely affect the electronic circuitry

within the battery. Another problem associated with having electronic circuitry embedded inside the battery is that the electronic circuitry is not as sturdy as the battery cell and is easily damaged if dropped or handled roughly by a consumer. Another problem is that it is difficult to ensure reliable electronic connections from the electronic circuitry to the positive and the negative electrodes of the electrochemical cell or the positive and negative terminals of the battery, which may be required for the electronic circuitry to function. Additionally, when the electronic circuitry is embedded inside the battery container, if the electronic circuitry fails, the entire battery may also fail. This may result in unnecessary waste of an otherwise operable electrochemical cell.

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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention provides a battery having a housing for electronic circuitry. The battery includes a container having a positive terminal and a negative terminal, an electrochemical cell and a housing containing electronic circuitry that is associated with the container. The electronic circuitry is electrically connected to the electrodes of the electrochemical cell and the terminals of the battery to create an output voltage measured across the terminals of the container.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

While the specification concludes with claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the present invention, it is believed that the present invention will be better understood from the following description in conjunction with the accompanying drawings in which like reference numerals identify identical elements and wherein:

FIG. 1 is an exploded bottom perspective view of the main components of a housing according to the present invention;

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FIG. 2 is an exploded top perspective view of the main components of a housing according to the present invention;

FIG. 3 is a bottom perspective view of an assembled housing of the present invention;

FIG. 4 is a bottom perspective view of a battery subassembly of the present invention;

FIG. 5 is perspective view of an assembled battery having a housing for electronic circuitry according to the present invention.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

The present invention provides a housing for electronic circuitry that is affixed to a consumer battery. The term "battery," as used in this application, refers to a container having terminals and a single electrochemical cell, or a structure that has terminals and at least substantially contains two or more electrochemical cells (e.g., a standard 9 volt battery or a battery for a cellular telephone or laptop computer). The electrochemical cells need not be completely enclosed by a single structure if each cell has its own individual container. A portable telephone battery, for example, may contain two or more electrochemical cells that each have their own individual containers and are packaged together in a shrink-wrap plastic material that holds the individual containers together but may not completely enclose the individual containers of the cells. The term "consumer" in this application refers to a battery that is intended to be used in an electronic or electric device purchased or used by a consumer. The batteries of the present invention can be either primary or rechargeable. The term "primary" is used in this application and refers to a battery or an electrochemical cell that is intended to be discarded after its usable electrical storage capacity has been depleted (i.e., it is not intended to be recharged or otherwise reused). The terms "rechargeable" and "secondary" are used interchangeably in this application and refer to a battery or an electrochemical cell that is intended to be recharged at least once after its usable electrical storage capacity has been depleted (i.e., it is intended to be reused at least once).

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Housing for Electronic Circuitry

FIG. 1 shows a bottom exploded perspective view of a particularly preferred embodiment of unassembled elements of a housing for a single-cell battery according to the instant invention. FIG 2 shows a top exploded perspective view of a particularly

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preferred embodiment of the unassembled elements of a housing for a single-cell battery according to the instant invention. As used in this application, a "housing" refers to an assembly that houses electronic circuitry. In one aspect of the present invention, the electronic circuitry except for the input and output leads may be sealed inside the housing to protect the electronic circuitry components from the potentially corrosive or damaging electrochemical components of the cell. In another aspect of the present invention, the housing may be designed such that the housing for the electronic circuitry may be separately assembled and tested. Such a housing may then be assembled together with the battery container.

10 In a preferred embodiment of the instant invention, the housing 10 has three main elements: the bezel 11, the circuit board 12, and the retaining ring 13, as show in Figures 1 and 2.

The bezel 11 contains a body portion 14 and an output terminal 15. The output terminal 15 could be the output terminal of the battery or can be electrically connected to an output terminal of the battery. The body portion 14 of the bezel 11 is preferably molded of an insulating material that is impact-resistant, such as plastic, thermoplastic, polymer or polycarbonate. The impact-resistant bezel 11 provides protection for electronic circuitry 16 contained within the housing form static shock during manufacturing and mechanical shock such as dropping. The output terminal 15 is made of conductive material. In one preferred embodiment, the output terminal forms the positive terminal of the battery. Preferably, the output terminal 15 is metal and located in the center of bezel 11. Preferably, the body portion 14 of the bezel 11 is insert-molded around the output terminal 15. The bezel 11 preferably conforms to the shape and standard outer dimensions of a standard battery. For example, if the housing 10 is placed on the top of a AA size battery, the bezel 11 would preferably be dome-shaped, as shown in Figure 1. It is also preferable that at least a portion of the body portion 14 of the bezel 11 is made of translucent or transparent material so that the circuit board 13 may be easily viewed by a consumer after the housing 10 is assembled. Preferably, the bezel 11 contains a notch 17 to aid in aligning the bezel 11, circuit board 12 and retaining ring 13 during assembly of the housing 10.

The circuit board 12 comprises the electronic circuitry 16 to be utilized within the battery 10. Preferably, the circuit board 12 is made of Mylar or Kapton. The electronic circuitry 16 has at least three electrical contacts, a positive input contact 18, a negative input contact 19 and an output contact 20. Preferably, the positive input contact 18 is located in the center of the bottom of the board 12 and the negative input contact 19 is located at the bottom edge of the board 12. The negative input contact 19 may also be used to aid in aligning the bezel 11, circuit board 12 and retaining ring 13 during assembly. In a preferred embodiment, the output contact 20 of the circuit board 12 is a positive output contact that is electrically connected to the output terminal 15 of the bezel 11.

In an alternative embodiment, the housing output terminal forms the negative terminal of the battery. In this alternative embodiment, the output contact of the circuit board may be a negative output contact that is electrically connected to the negative output terminal of the battery. The circuit board may also include additional output contacts such as a second output contact. The second output contact of the circuit board may provide, for example, a negative output contact that is electrically connected to the negative terminal of the battery if the output contact is electrically connected to the positive terminal of the battery. This may allow for a virtual ground in which the negative terminal of the battery is isolated from the negative electrode of the electrochemical cell.

Another output contact may be an output contact for an indicator that is external to the housing. Such an output contact may be used to control an indicator such as the ones described in co-pending application U.S. Serial No. 09/275,495 filed on March 24, 1999, entitled BATTERY HAVING A BUILT-IN INDICATOR, naming Vladimir Gartstein and Dragan D. Nebrigic, which is incorporated by reference above.

Preferably, if at least a portion of the bezel 11 is translucent or transparent, the circuit board 12 may include an indicator such as an LED that a user may be able to see through the bezel 11 of the housing 10. In a preferred embodiment, the LED indicator may have several different colors to indicate various amounts of remaining battery life. For example, the color green may be used to indicate full capacity, yellow to indicate partial capacity, and red to indicate no capacity. In another preferred embodiment, at least

a portion of the bezel may be made of a flexible material such that the flexible portion of the bezel may form a "button" to activate an LED indicator. In yet another embodiment, the second output 20 contact may provide an output through which a device could receive information about the battery such as the remaining capacity of the electrochemical cell, or an output that may be used for quality assurance testing of an assembled housing or of an assembled battery.

The retaining ring 13 is preferably made of an insulating or dielectric material. The retaining ring 13 includes an opening 21 that allows the positive input contact 18 of the circuit board 12 to electrically connect to the positive electrode 26 of the electrochemical cell 22. The retaining ring 13 may further include a notch 23 to aid in aligning the bezel 11, circuit board 12 and retaining ring 13 during assembly.

Figure 3 shows a preferred embodiment of an assembled housing according to the instant invention. The bezel 11, circuit board 12, and retaining ring 13 are preferably assembled by placing the circuit board 12 inside the bezel 11. Preferably, the circuit board 12 is placed so that the electronic circuitry 16 is facing toward the bezel 11. Then, the retaining ring 13 is attached to the bottom of the bezel 11. The bezel 11, circuit board 12, and retaining ring 13 are preferably mechanically registered rotationally to align the bezel notch 17, the negative terminal contact 19, and the retaining ring notch 23. Preferably, the bezel 11, circuit board 12, retaining ring 13 are then attached together. Additionally, the housing 10 may be sealed, such as by a plug seal, a welded seal or a high impact pressure seal, to provide protection against the intrusion of moisture and/or particulates into the housing 10.

Because the housing 10 is assembled separately from the electrochemical cell 22, the housing 10 may be tested for operability independent of the electrochemical cell 22. If a housing is defective, the failed housing may be disposed of before it is combined with the electrochemical cell, thereby minimizing waste of inoperable batteries due to electronic circuitry 16 failure. Separately assembling the housing 10 also allows for cleaner assembly processes in a clean environment such as in a typical clean room used in electronic processing and assembly to prevent contamination or damage of the electronic components that might otherwise be impossible to achieve if the electronic component

were assembled on a battery assembly line. Also, the assembled housing 10 may be used with various types of electrochemical cells (i.e. alkaline, zinc carbon, metal air, NiCd, lithium, lithium ion, nickel metal hydride, etc.). These technical advantages allow the instant invention to be both cost effective and easily manufacturable.

5 As shown in FIG. 5, the assembled housing 10 containing the electronic circuitry 16 is physically and electrically connected to an electrochemical cell 22. The assembled housing is associated with the battery container 24. However, the housing 10 is separate from the electrochemical cell 22. Preferably, the housing forms or contains a separate compartment for housing the electronic circuitry apart from the electrochemical cell 22.

10 For example, the assembled housing may be either positioned on or positioned within the battery container 24. The assembled housing may be either affixed by any suitable attaching means to the electrochemical cell. "Attached" or "attaching means" includes, but is not limited to spot welding, crimping, adhesive, snap fitting, and interlocking, etc.

 As shown in FIG. 4, preferably, the assembled housing 10 is physically and

15 electrically connected to a battery container by means of a subassembly 25. Figure 4 shows a particularly preferred embodiment of a single-cell battery subassembly 25 of the instant invention. The battery container 24 contains a single electrochemical cell 22. The container 24 includes all the elements necessary to insulate and protect the positive 26 and the negative 27 electrodes, separator and the electrolyte of the electrochemical cell 22

20 from the environment and to provide electrical energy from the electrochemical cell 22 outside of the container 22. Thus, the container 24 in Figures 4 and 5 include a side wall 28, top 29 and bottom 30 caps, and positive 31 and negative 32 terminals that provide for electrical connection of the cell 22. The container 24 may be made of a combination of conducting material, such as metal, and insulating material, such as plastic or a polymer.

25 In the preferred embodiment, the physical and electrical connections are achieved by a retainer 33, a ground lead 34, and a false bottom 35.

 The retainer 33 provides a socket for mounting the housing 10. The retainer 33 is attached to the electrochemical cell 22 at the desired location of the housing 10. In a preferred embodiment, the retainer 33 is at the top of the electrochemical cell 22.

30 However, the retainer 33 may be attached to the bottom or the side of the electrochemical

cell 22. Preferably, the retainer 33 is spot welded to the battery container 22. Preferably the assembled housing 10 is attached to the retainer 33 such that the retaining ring and the retainer are affixed. Preferably, the housing 10 and retainer 33 are affixed by crimping, snapping, or adhesive. Preferably, the retainer 33 has a notch 38 to allow space for the
5 ground lead 24 to connect the electronic circuitry 16 to the negative terminal 32.

The positive input contact 18 of the electronic circuitry is electrically connected to the positive electrode 26 of the electrochemical cell 22. The positive output contact 19 of the electronic circuitry 16 is electrically connected to the positive terminal 31. The negative input contact 19 is electrically connected to the negative electrode 27 of the
10 electrochemical cell 22. In a preferred embodiment, the output contact 20 is positive and is electrically connected to the positive terminal 15 of the battery. In an alternative embodiment of the instant invention, the output contact 20 is negative and is electrically connected to the negative terminal of the battery. The terms "electrically connected" and "electrical connection" and "electrically coupled" refer to connections or couplings that
15 allow for continuous flow.

The ground lead 34 is preferably a flexible strip comprising a conductive layer and an insulating layer. The ground lead 34 has a first end 36 and a second end 37. The conductive layer of ground lead 34 is oriented such that it faces away from the wall of the electrochemical cell 22. Preferably, the conductive layer is made of metal foil.
20 Preferably, the insulating material is made of a thin polymer film. Preferably, the ground lead 34 is attached to the side 28 of the battery container 24 and is folded over the top 29 and bottom 30 of the container 24. The insulating material may have adhesive coated on it to provide a means for attaching the ground lead 34 to the battery container 24. The first end 36 of the ground lead 34 is attached to the output 20 of the circuit board 13. The
25 ground lead 34 is folded through the retainer notch 38.

The false bottom 35 is a metal washer. The false bottom 35 attaches the second end 36 of the ground lead 34 to the bottom of the battery container to provide a ground. Further, the false bottom 35 provides a heat sink for the electronic circuitry.

Preferably, the battery having a housing containing electronic circuitry of the
30 present invention conforms to the standard outer dimensions and a standard terminal

voltage of a conventional consumer battery. Thus, preferably the electrochemical cell 22 is slightly shorter than a conventional consumer battery to provide space for the housing 10 to allow the battery having a housing for circuitry that fits in and operates in standard electronic devices. It is also preferable that the slight shortening of the electrochemical
5 cell minimizes the reduction of the volume of active electrochemistry.

Electronic Circuitry

The housing 10 of the present invention contains one or more types of electronic circuitry 16. For example, the electronic circuitry 16 may be a controller that performs
10 one or more of the following functions: greater utilization of stored energy to extend the service run time of the battery, control of an electrochemical cell charge cycle by directly monitoring the electrochemical properties of that particular cell, providing a safety disconnect in the event of overheating, inverse polarity, short-circuit, over-pressure, over-charge, over-discharge or excessive hydrogen generation, or an indicator of remaining
15 battery life to inform consumers of available stored energy.

The electronic circuitry 16 of a battery of the present invention may perform one or more of the functions listed above. The electronic circuitry 16 of the present invention may contain one circuit that performs each of the desired functions, or may contain individual circuits that each perform one or more of the desired functions. In addition, the
20 individual circuits may share circuitry such as sensing circuitry that may provide control signals to the individual circuits.

Batteries Having Housing for Electronic Circuitry

The electrochemical cell(s) 22 of the instant of the instant invention may be either
25 single-cell or multiple-cell.

The term "single-cell" refers to a battery having a single electrochemical cell packaged individually such as a standard AA, AAA, C or D type battery, or a single-cell in a multiple-cell battery (e.g., such as a standard 9 volt battery or a battery for a cellular telephone or laptop computer).

Multiple-cell batteries may include two or more of the same type of electrochemical cell, or include two or more different types of electrochemical cells in a hybrid battery. The multiple-cell battery of the present invention may contain electrochemical cells electrically arranged in series and/or in parallel. As used in this application, the term "hybrid battery" includes a multiple-cell battery that contains two or more voltaic cells of which at least two of those cells have different voltaic mechanisms such as photovoltaic, fuel, thermal, electrochemical, electromechanical, etc. or a different electrode, a different pair of electrodes or a different electrolyte. As used in this application term, "cell" is used to refer generally to voltaic cells used in a battery, including electrochemical cells. Also, voltaic or electro voltaic cell is used interchangeably and describes various physical mechanisms of generation of electricity including chemical. In addition, a hybrid cell may contain additional energy storage elements improving cell voltage and current discharge characteristics such as a super or ultra capacitor, high efficiency inductor, or low capacity secondary cell. The hybrid cell elements can be made to replace inactive cell construction elements such as label, seal, hollow terminals, etc.

In a first preferred embodiment, the electronic circuitry 16 of a single-cell battery may be electrically connected in series and/or parallel with the electrochemical cell(s) inside a housing attached to the container of a cell. In a second preferred embodiment, the electronic circuitry 16 of a multiple-cell battery may be packaged along with one or more of the individual cells as described with respect to a single-cell battery and/or may be packaged along with a combination of multiple cells such that the electronic circuitry is connected in series or in parallel with the combination of electrochemical cells.

Although particular versions and embodiments of the present invention have been shown and described, various modifications can be made to the battery having a housing for electronic circuitry without departing from the teachings of the present invention. The terms used in describing the invention are used in their descriptive sense and not as terms of limitation, it being intended that all equivalents thereof be included within the scope of the claims.

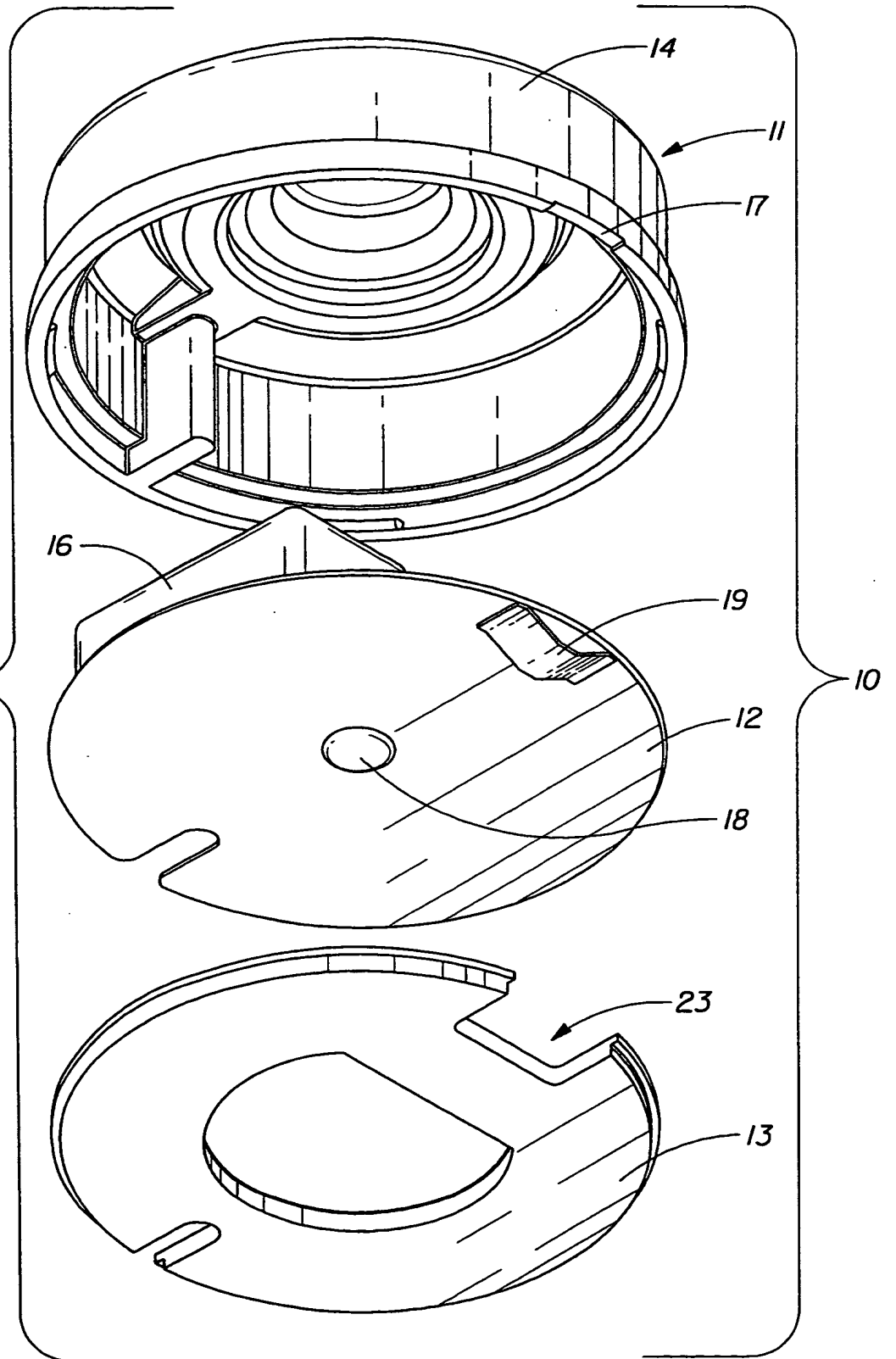
WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A battery comprising:
 - (a) a container having a positive terminal and a negative terminal;
 - (b) an electrochemical cell disposed within said container, said cell having a positive electrode, a negative electrode, and a cell voltage measured across said positive and said negative electrodes of said cell; and characterized in that
 - (c) a housing containing electronic circuitry associated with said container, said electronic circuitry electrically connected between said electrodes of said cell and said terminals of said container to create an output voltage measured across said positive and said negative terminals of said container.
2. The battery of Claim 1, wherein said electronic circuitry is substantially physically isolated from said electrochemical cell.
3. The battery of Claim 1, wherein said housing includes a bezel, a circuit board and a retaining ring, said bezel and said retaining ring form a compartment, said circuit board being located within said compartment.
4. The battery of Claim 3, wherein said compartment is sealed.
5. The battery of Claim 3, wherein at least a portion of said housing is translucent or translucent, and said circuit board includes a visual indicator.
6. The battery of Claim 3, wherein said bezel and said retaining ring include a notch.
7. The battery of Claim 3, wherein said circuit board includes a positive input contact, a negative input contact and an output contact electrically connected to said positive terminal or said negative terminal of said container.

8. The battery of Claim 3, further comprising a second output contact, said second output contact being electrically connected to one or more of the group of: an indicator external to said compartment and an external device.
9. The battery of Claim 3, wherein said bezel includes a button to activate an indicator.
10. The battery of Claim 3, wherein said circuit board includes a controller.

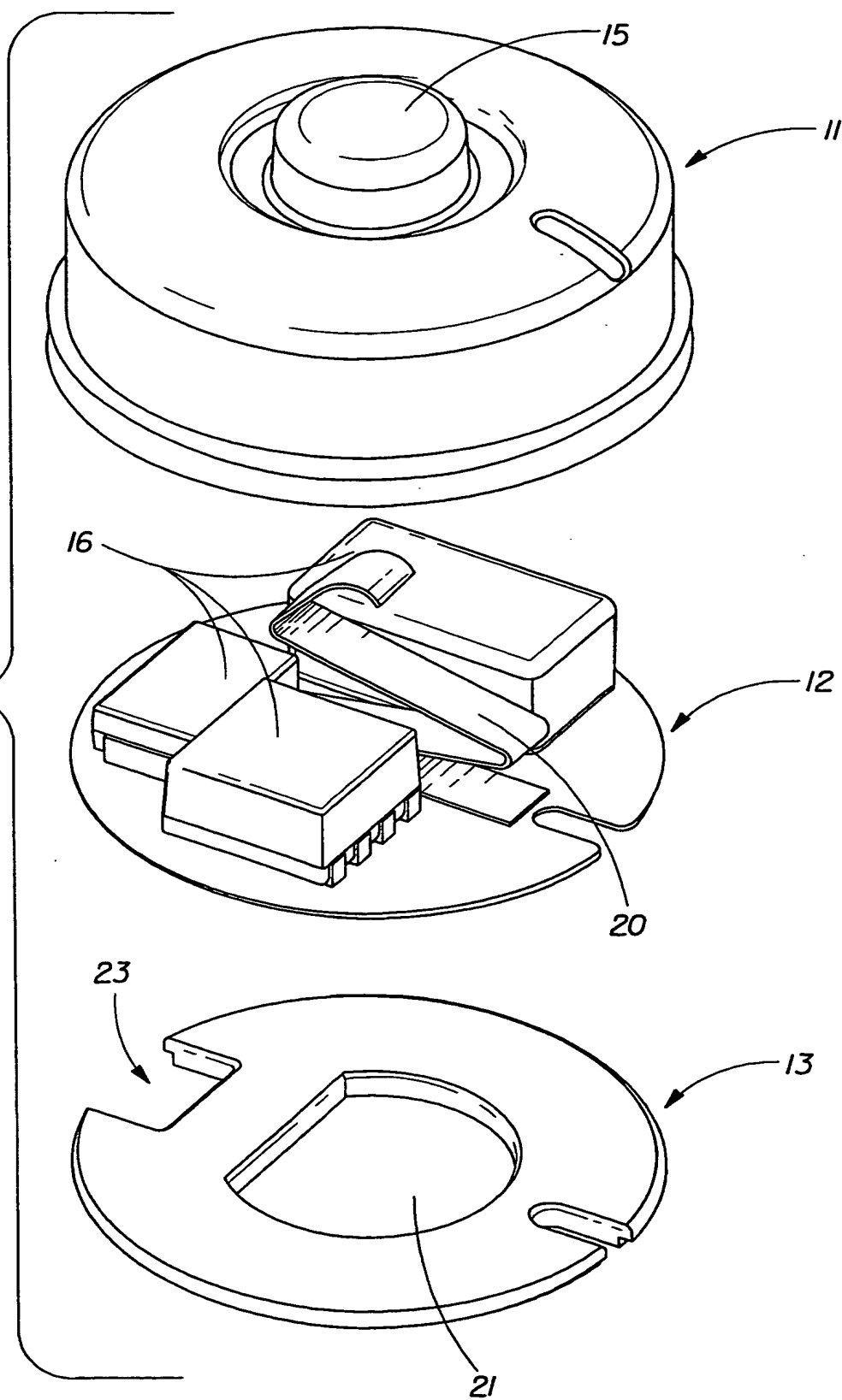
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Fig. 1



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Fig. 2



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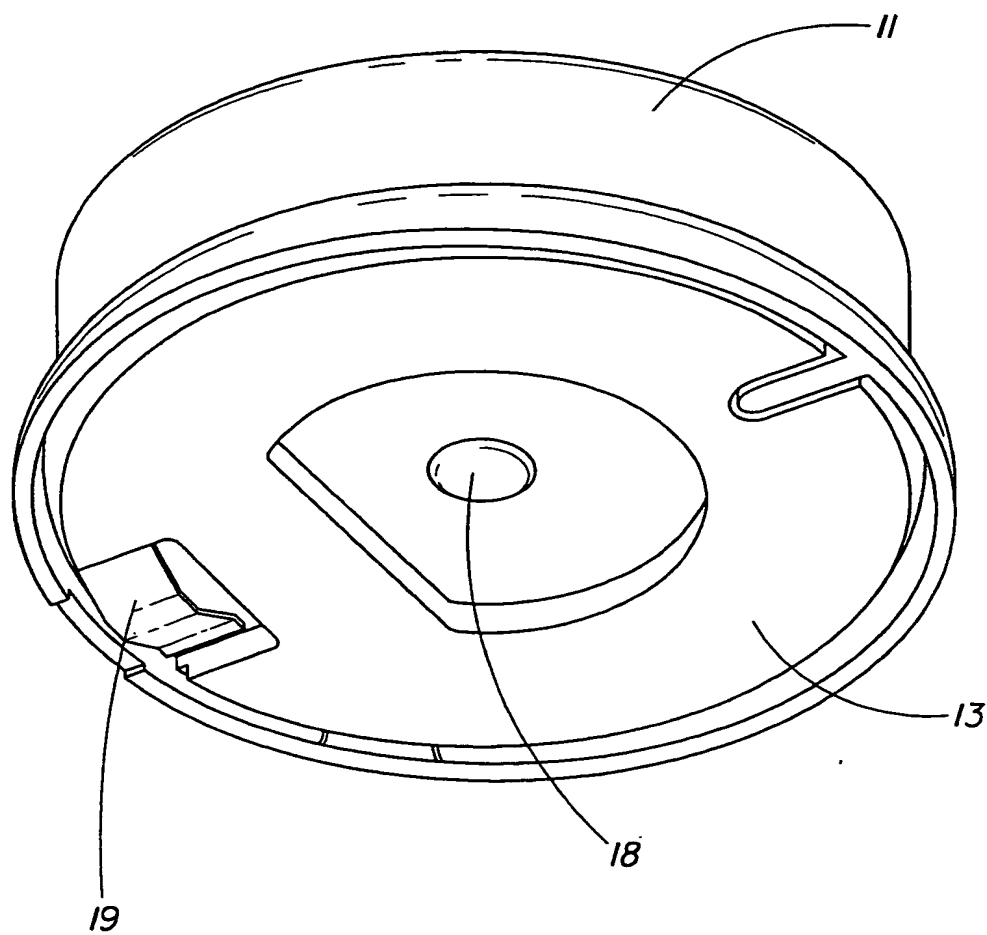


Fig. 3

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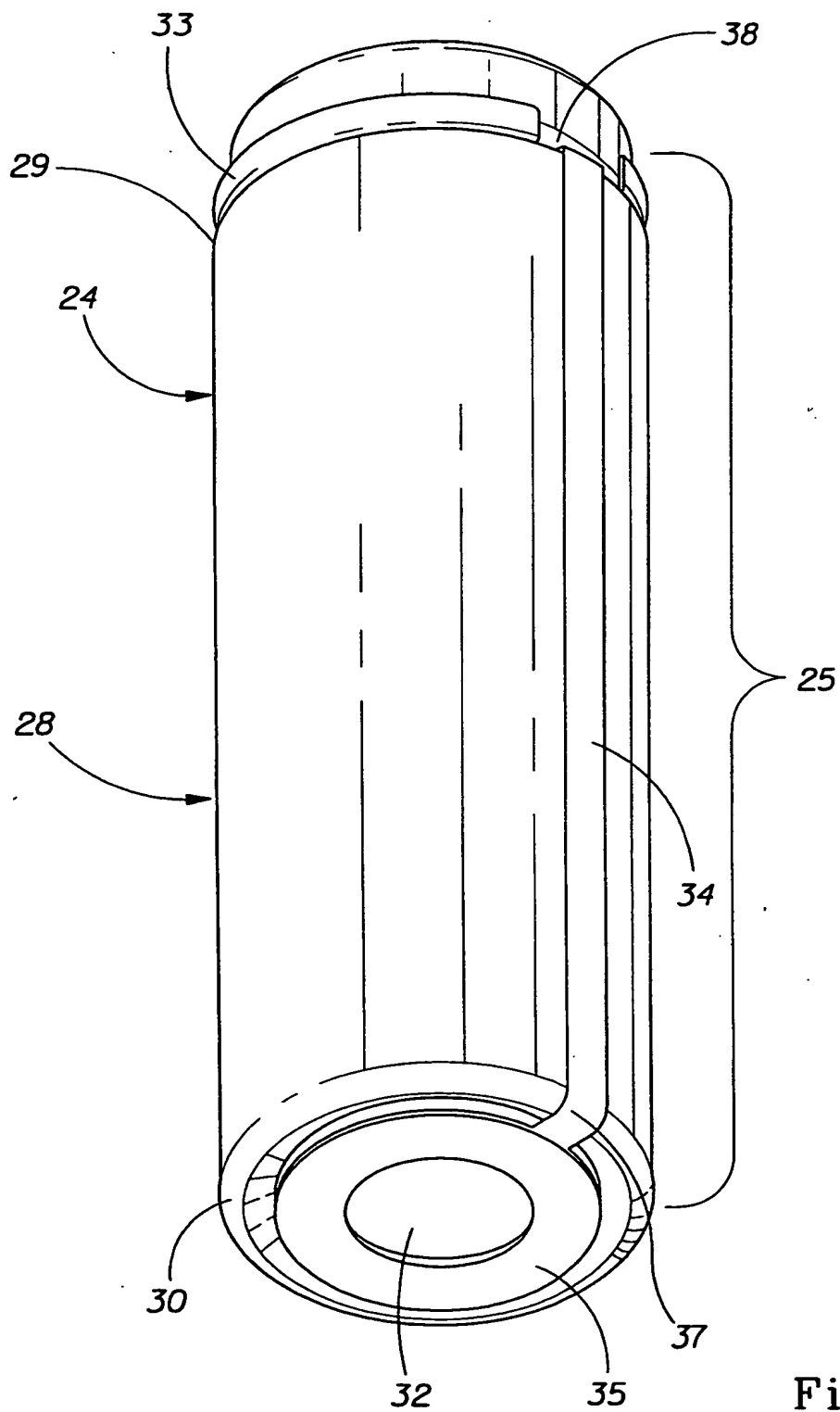


Fig. 4

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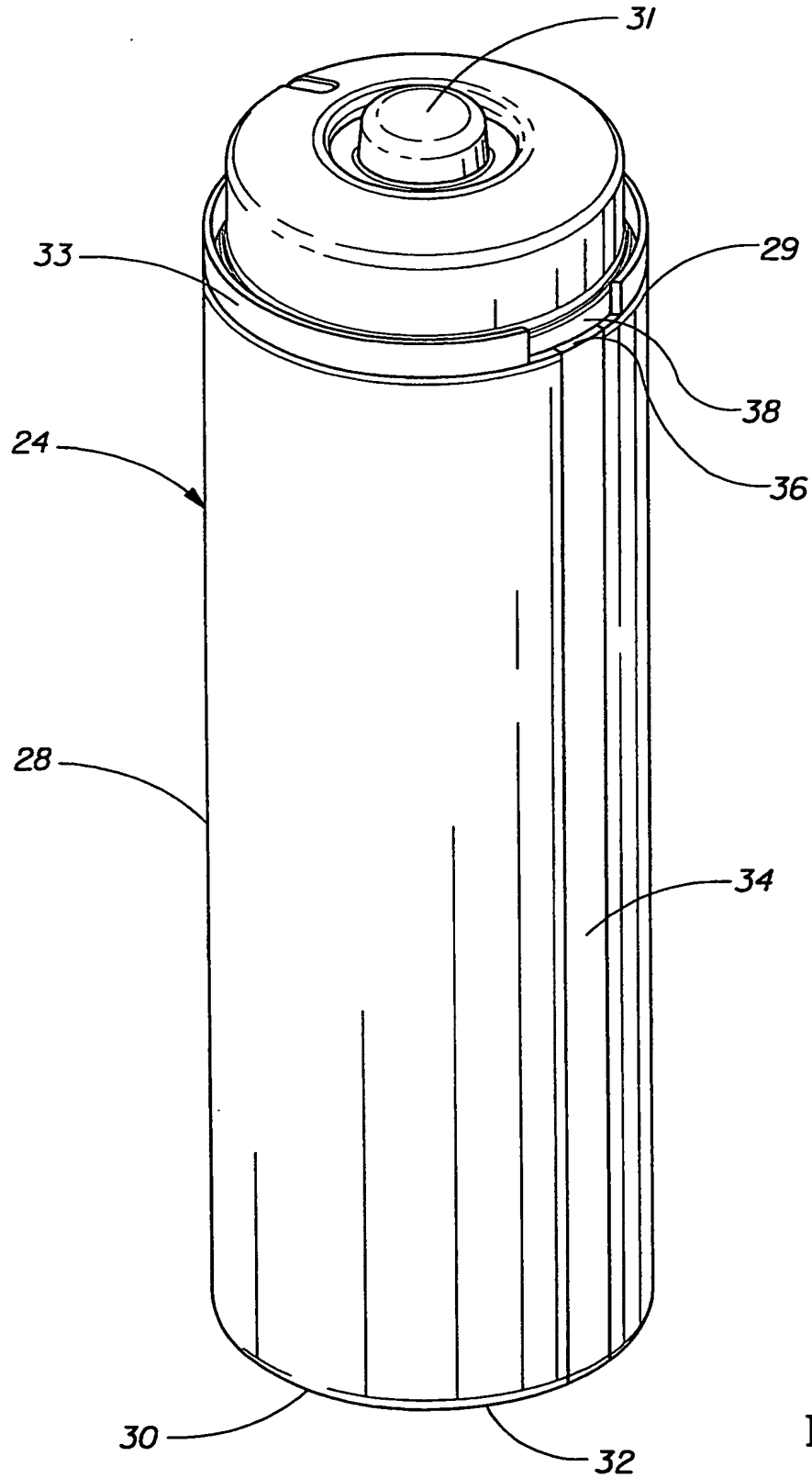


Fig. 5